



**B U C K S H O C K E Y**

**2026-27**

# **Program Guide**

**18U**

ADHL Bucks Elite Hockey is a youth travel hockey organization  
serving players and families in the greater Phoenix Valley

Our mission is to nurture a passion for hockey among young athletes while fostering personal growth, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Through dedicated coaching, competitive play, and a supportive hockey community, we aim to develop skilled hockey players and resilient individuals equipped with the values of discipline, respect, and integrity.

## 18U Program Specifics

Players in the 18U age group are in a unique position. As they near the end of their high school years, priorities and time commitments tend to shift towards jobs and what comes after high school. However, many players still want to play in a competitive environment.

Bucks Elite Hockey recognizes the uniqueness of this age group and has worked with families to provide a program that is competitive and meets the needs of players. While much of the season looks similar to what you will see in our other divisions, we have made the following adjustments for 18U:

- \$5,000 fee for the season, which is reduced from the \$7,200 fee in our other age groups
- Reduced ice slots to 1 practice and 1 game per week to allow players time for other commitments
- Limited apparel package
- Focus on scrimmages and tournaments due to the lack of other 18U teams in AZHYL
  - In the 2025-26 season, our 18U team played 40+ games between scrimmages, tournaments and a small number of league games

We want to continue fostering the love for hockey in our older players, and we are proud to continue supporting this age division.

Continue reading below for full details.

## Program at a Glance

- ✓ Travel hockey with 2 Local and 2 Out-of-State Tournaments
- ✓ Dedicated Power Skating Coach [NEW]
- ✓ Off-ice Development in Renovated Bucks Weight Room [NEW]
- ✓ Video Review and Analysis using Hudl [NEW]
- ✓ Qualified, Non-Parent Head Coaches
- ✓ Apparel Package Included in Registration

### **Bucks Home Rink:**

Arizona Made Ice Forum  
140 N Country Club Dr.  
Mesa, AZ 85201

### **Hockey Association:**

Bucks Elite Hockey is a proud member of the Arizona Youth Hockey League, put on by the Arizona Amateur Hockey Association (AAHA.) AAHA is a USA Hockey affiliate.

### **Bucks Elite Hockey Board of Directors:**

- President and Treasurer– Joanna Golina
- Vice President – Greg Vaughn
- Secretary and Program Admin – Brenna Erickson
- Director of Hockey Operations – Chris Erickson
- Director of Player Development – Tyler Erickson

### **Contact Information:**

- All information can be found on our website, [www.adhlhockey.com](http://www.adhlhockey.com)
- Questions can be emailed to [info@adhlhockey.com](mailto:info@adhlhockey.com)

## 2026-27 Head Coaching Staff

- 12U – Tyler Erickson
- 14U Black – Kevin Cryan
- 14U Orange – Chris Erickson
- 16U Black – Greg Vaughn
- 16U Orange – Tyler Gerhold
- 18U – Chris Erickson

## Tournaments

Bucks Elite Hockey is a Travel Hockey program that competes against other travel hockey programs in Arizona and across the country. Each team typically competes in 2 local tournaments and 2 out-of-state tournaments within driving distance.

All tournament fees are included in the season's fees. Families are responsible for costs associated with travel such as transportation and lodging. Most tournaments are "stay to play," meaning the team must stay at a hotel that is approved by the tournament.

Below is a list of possible tournaments. This is not an exhaustive list and other opportunities may arise that are better suited for a particular team. Each team will join the tournaments that work best for that age division.

- **[Local]** Seeding Tournament (12U/14U) – Labor Day Weekend
- **[Local or Away]** Ice Breaker Invitational or other tournament – October
- **[Local]** Thanksgiving Shootout – Thanksgiving Weekend 2026
- **[Local or Away]** Cactus Cup or Cal State Games – MLK Weekend 2027
- **[Away]** Presidents' Cup in San Diego or Los Angeles – Presidents Day Weekend 2027
- **[Local]** AZ State Championships –March 2027

## Schedule & Ice Touches

Ice Touches for 18U: 1 practice per week plus games

Players will have the opportunity to skate with their team weekly, as well as participate in power skating and skills sessions. Some practice slots may be converted to games to accommodate program schedules. Most games occur on Saturdays and Sundays. Teams may be assigned additional practices depending on the weekend game schedule. Current ice times are listed below, but are *subject to change*.

### Practice Schedule:

Monday 6:30 pm and 7:40 pm

Tuesday 4:10 pm

Wednesday 6:20 pm

Fridays 5:10 pm, 6:20 pm, 7:30 pm

### Home Games:

Saturday 1:10 pm, 2:35 pm

Sundays 11:40 pm, 1:05 pm

## Player Fees

Registration fee for 18U: \$5,000

Includes:

- The total fee covers all costs for the season and includes everything listed in the “Program at a Glance” section as well as apparel
- There are no additional soft costs

Does not include:

- Costs associated with travel (gas, lodging, etc.)
- Team events/parties – typical cost \$20-30 per event, 2-3 times per season

The deposit upon signing your offer letter is \$500. We also offer payment options for the season, including monthly installments.

## Apparel Package

What's Included:

- Hockey Bag
- Home and Away Game Jerseys & Socks
- 2 Practice Jerseys & Socks
- Custom Pant Shell
- Dryland T-shirt & Shorts
- Bucks Polo

Player is responsible for:

- Standard hockey gear required to play – helmet, gloves, breezer, pads, stick, neck guard, mouth guard
- Black pants/slacks to wear with Bucks polo on game days

Players will come to the rink for gear fitting in June.

## Off-ice Training

Each Coach is responsible for dryland sessions with their team to build strength and agility. This season, the Bucks have renovated the on-site weight room and are looking forward to utilizing it for each team.

Another addition is we have invested in the platform Hudl, a video analysis program to facilitate game play analysis. Using Hudl the coaches will be able to analyze the team and each player's performance in games, then use the information to continue developing each player. Teams will conduct video review sessions at practices following games.

## Specialty Coaching

The Bucks have a dedicated goalie coach (to be announced).

We are also proud to continue our partnership with Crystal Roe, a well-known power skating coach in the Phoenix Valley.

## Fundraising & Events

Bucks Elite Hockey is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, and we engage in program-wide fundraising throughout the year as well as a few events in the season.

Fundraising supports the FARM Fund, which is our avenue for providing scholarships to motivated players who need financial assistance.

- Annual Parent Social – July 2026
- Benefit Concert – TBD
- Local restaurant fundraising nights, eg. Raising Cane's, Chick-fil-a

We also have organization-wide events to bring all the teams together:

- Swing in the Season Top Golf Event – August 2026
- Fall Celebration – October 2026

## Volunteering & Parent Expectations

There are four positions that each team needs parents to volunteer for:

- Locker Room Monitors
- Penalty Box Attendants
- Social Media Manager
- Team Events Committee

### Volunteer Requirements

Team Managers coordinate all volunteer positions. The season cannot run without the support and involvement of parents in these positions! Locker room monitors and penalty box attendants must submit a background check through USA Hockey and get Safe Sport Certified via an online course. See our website for more information.

### Hockey Families are the Best!

A complete list of all Parent Expectations, including the Parental Code of Conduct, can be found on our website. Parents must sign a code of conduct prior to the start of the season.